

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Amend the current Abstract as indicated below and replace it therewith the attached substitute Abstract.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for producing a lead-acid battery, in which a lead bushing [[1]] cast in a lid b of an assembled lead-acid battery A and a pole [[2]] inserted through an insertion hole [[3]] in the lead bushing [[1]] are welded together by applying a laser beam [[4b]] thereto. At the time of the laser welding, as desired, a jig [[7]] is so placed around the lead bushing [[1]] as to surround it and the laser welding is carried out.